



Program Schedule: July 3 - July 9, 2022

Location	Program	Sun 3	Mon 4	Tues 5	Wed 6	Thurs 7	Fri 8	Sat 9
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Birding with a Ranger (1 hour window)	3:30 pm			9:00 am	9:00 am		11:00 am
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Story by the Sea (30 minutes)		1:30 pm	1:00 pm	3:30 pm	10:30 am		
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Plant Rant (15 minutes)	2:00 pm	10:30 am			3:30 pm		1:00 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Creature Feature (15 minutes)	1:00 pm		2:00 pm	1:00 pm	1:00 pm	2:30 pm	
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Assateague Detectives (45 minutes, ¼ mile)	9:30 am			10:30 am		10:30 am	3:00 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Marsh Madness (1 hour, ¼ mile)							10:00 am
Toms Cove Visitor Center	Under the Boardwalk (45 minutes, ¼ mile)			11:30 am			11:30 am	
Naturalist Shack Lot #1	Hook, Line and Sinker (2 hours)			9:00 am				
Bayside of Lot #2	Marine Explorers (1 hour)		8:30 am				9:00 am	
Bayside of Lot #2	Kayak in the Cove (2 hours)	11:00 am						
Turn Circle at Park Entrance	Pinchers of Power (45 minutes)		12:30 pm					

Special Note: Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult on all programs.

- Advanced registration required. Register at the Toms Cove Visitor Center
- These programs are especially popular with children.
- Wheelchair accessible programs.



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Sun screen, drinking water & bug spray are recommended when outdoors.

Birding With a Ranger - See what birds the ranger is viewing off the Toms Cove Visitor Center deck. Come and go as you please anytime during the 1 hour window. Some binoculars and field guides will be available.

Story by the Sea - You're never too old for a story by the sea. Come learn about an animal that calls Assateague home. Make a craft to share with family and friends.

Plant Rant - "Lettuce" dig up the dirt on plants to unearth their roots and blossoming potential!

Creature Feature - Gather 'round the ranger and today's mystery "guest." Learn the life and lore of a special Assateague resident during this informal discussion.

Assateague Detectives - Do you want to become a detective? Want to help rangers find out what kind of "criminal" activity is going on? Join us as we venture down the boardwalk looking for evidence left behind by animals that live here on Assateague.

Marsh Madness - Use your senses to discover the many mysteries of the salt marsh. What sights, smells, sounds, tastes or feelings might you experience here that are found nowhere else? **Wear shoes (no flip-flops) & clothing that you don't mind getting wet and muddy.**

Under the Boardwalk - What's in bloom? Who made those tracks? Why are the crabs waving at me? You never know what you'll see under the boardwalk!

Hook, Line & Sinker - **Program is limited to those 12 years and older.** If sitting on the beach bores you, you might just get hooked on surf fishing. Designed for those with limited surf fishing experience, this program includes demonstrations of equipment, bait and casting techniques. Equipment is provided, however, actual practice time depends on group size.

Marine Explorers - Join a ranger and investigate the creatures found in and around Toms Cove. Expect to get wet! **Wear shoes (no flip-flops) & clothing that you don't mind getting wet and muddy.**

Kayak in the Cove - Join us for a paddle in Toms Cove to discover what's beneath the boat. Be ready to get wet! **Program is limited to those 13 years and older.** Children must be 16 or older to paddle on a trip alone. One person per seat. All equipment is provided. Wear clothing and shoes (no flip-flops) for wading. **Note: Reservations must be made in person at the Toms Cove Visitor Center. There is a \$20.00 per person fee, payment due upon reservation** (non-refundable except for weather cancellations).

Pinchers of Power - Come learn about the feisty and tasty blue crab by watching its powerful pinchers latch on to your bait! Equipment is provided. This program is catch and release. Sunscreen and bug spray are advised. Parking is limited. Bicycling to program is encouraged. Meets at the bridge before the Refuge entrance.

The National Park Service assists the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in interpretation and recreation management, but only in the Toms Cove area of the Virginia portion of the island. The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provides many other activities throughout the rest of the refuge. Contact them at 757-336-6122 for program details.